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SUBJECT: CLEMENCY PROGRAM FOR VIETNAM ERA DRAFT EVADERS AND  
MILITARY DESERTERS.

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1. THE EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION AND DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE  
WILL CONTINUE TO HANDLE ALL INQUIRIES FROM DRAFT EVADERS AND  
ABSENTEES AS CAREFULLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE,  
EMPHASIZING THE CUT-OFF DATE OF JANUARY 31, 1975, AS WELL AS  
ALL PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO PROTECT RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE AFTER  
THE CUT-OFF DATE. THE TWO EMBASSY OFFICES HAVE THROUGHOUT THE  
PROGRAM MAINTAINED CLOSE COORDINATION, AND PROCESSING OF  
RETURNING PERSONNEL, ONCE VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY HAS  
BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE U.S., USUALLY TAKES LESS THAN ONE DAY.

2. AMERICAN MASS-CIRCULATION PUBLICATIONS (TIME, NEWSWEEK,  
INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE) ARE READILY AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT  
DENMARK, AND HAVE GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE CLEMENCY  
PROGRAM, INCLUDING PERTINENT DATES, ADDRESSES, AND  
PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS. DANISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE  
ALSO GIVEN WIDE COVERAGE, OFTEN INCLUDING SPECIFIC  
DETAILS. DANISH TELEVISION AND RADIO HAVE REPORTED ON  
THE CLEMENCY PROGRAM DURING STRAIGHT NEWS BROADCASTS.  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE BROADCASTS FROM VOA, BBC, AND AFN

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(WHICH ARE RECEIVED IN DENMARK) HAVE ALSO REPORTED ON

THE PROGRAM IN NEWS BROADCASTS. AFN AND VOA HAVE, OF COURSE, GIVEN MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION DURING MORE EXPANDED COVERAGE.

3. FYI, THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 15 INQUIRIES FROM ABSENTEES OR DRAFT EVADERS. ONLY FOUR WERE ACTUALLY RESIDING IN DENMARK (TWO IN DANISH PRISONS), AND THE OTHER ELEVEN RESIDED IN SOUTHERN SWEDEN BUT CAME TO COPENHAGEN BECAUSE IT IS CLOSER THAN STOCKHOLM. OF THE FIFTEEN, EIGHT HAVE ALREADY RETURNED, SIX DID NOT FOLLOW-UP ON THEIR ORIGINAL INQUIRY, AND ONE CASE IS PRESENTLY PENDING. OF THE SIX WHO DID NOT FOLLOW-UP THEIR ORIGINAL INQUIRY, FIVE ARE RESIDENTS OF SWEDEN, AND MAY HAVE ARRANGED THEIR RETURN THROUGH AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM. DUNNIGAN

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